A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavalengar).**—

(*a*) and (*b*) Information is not available. Government do not consider it necessary to call for the same as the question of claims for travelling allowance does not depend on the maintenance of conveyances by officers.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—While sanctioning travelling allowance to the officers, do not the Government take a declaration from them?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Declaration is taken only in respect of railway journeys. The question of claims for travelling allowance does not depend on the maintenance of conveyances by officers. One has no relation whatsoever to the other.

Mr. ABDUL NABI KHAN.—On what authority is the conveyance allowance given?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—According to the provisions of the Mysore Service Regulations.

Buses.

Q.—30. **Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA** (Hassan Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) at what distances are bus stands provided for the convenience of travellers; what are the names of places where such stands are provided;

(*b*) whether the passenger fare per mile has been prescribed, and the particulars of rates given in tickets;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that it has been in practice to pick up passengers at any place they are available, to charge fares arbitrarily, and thus to cause trouble to the travelling public?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) It is understood that bus stands are provided at all important places. Information as regards the distances cannot be got as the places in respect of which it is required are not mentioned.

(*b*) Yes. Maximum and minimum fares which may be charged are prescribed and are as follows:—

	Minimum	*Maximum*
Ordinary roads	... 4 pies	1 anna.
Railway competition roads.	5 pies	1 anna.

Fares charged are generally noted on the tickets.

(*c*) Passengers are picked up *en route*.

No instances have been brought to notice of passengers being charged fares above the maximum prescribed.

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—With reference to answer to (*a*), what should be the distance between two bus stands?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—It is not possible to say that. In important places bus stands have been provided.

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—With reference to answer (*b*), has it come to the notice of the Government that higher rates than those referred to in the answer are being levied?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The rates have been fixed. If any bus-owner levies higher rates than those fixed, it is left to the parties concerned to complain to the authorities so that they may take action in the matter.

Mr. B. DONDE GOWDA.—With reference to answer to (*c*), have any cases come to the notice of the Government of passengers being left on the wayside without being picked up by the buses? If they are not picked up, will that not cause great hardship and inconvenience to them?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—If the buses are already full, how can they pick up extra passengers?

Coercive Measures for Recovery of Arrears to Government.

Q.—32. **Mr. Hosakoppa KRISHNA RAO** (Koppa Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) in how many cases, coercive measures have been adopted in the Kadur District for the recovery of land revenue, loans and other miscellaneous arrears;

(*b*) in how many cases, distraint of movables has been ordered and with what results;

(*c*) have any representations from the individuals concerned for staying a little against them been given a hearing and consideration ?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

	Land Revenue	*Loans*	*Miscellaneous arrears*
(*a*)	15,236	725	1,290
(*b*)	2,172	208	835

(*c*) Yes. In a number of deserving cases.

Land Revenue Collections.

Q.—33. Messrs. B. DEVA GOWDA and SIDDALINGAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk); Hanji BASAPPA and T. C. BASAPPA (Tarikere Taluk); C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests) and K. MALLE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what is the percentage of collection of land revenue in every taluk during the past 5 years ;

(*b*) what were the punishments inflicted on the revenue officers during the months of May, June and July 1936 as a result of the orders issued in respect of collection work ;

(*c*) what are the coercive steps taken by the revenue officers as a result of the orders issued ? (Replies to the above questions may be furnished talukwar.)

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

(*a*) *Vide* statement attached. (Appendix.)

(*b*) In a few cases of proved inefficiency and inadequate touring, disciplinary action was taken by way of suspending fixed T.A. and fining the Revenue Inspectors.

(*c*) The usual processes laid down in the Land Revenue Code and the rules thereunder.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—The percentage of collection in 1935-36 is much higher than that in 1931-32. Does this not go to show that coercive measures have been adopted in collecting revenue during 1935-36 ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Then, how was it possible to collect more in 1935-36 when the economic condition had not improved ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Collections have been made according to rules.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Is it a fact that fixed T.A. to certain Revenue Inspectors has been withheld owing to poor collection of revenue by them ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Wherever found necessary, it has been done. It is purely an administrative act and the members cannot hold any brief on behalf of the officers.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—When Government insist on their officers to collect a higher percentage of revenue, would they not in their turn cause hardship to the raiyats by distraining their movables ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The officers have not transgressed the rules.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the revenue officers are impounding in the cattle pound more cattle than they could possibly hold and thus cause great inconvenience to the cattle ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. V. V. IYER.—Are zinc sheets covered on houses treated as movables ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If they are easily removable, they are movables ; otherwise not.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—What are the several concessions shown by Government to the raiyats to relieve them from distress ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is a big list. I invite the attention of the member to the several orders of Government on the subject and also to the Revenue Administration Report.

Repeal of Press Law.

Q.—34. Messrs. N. M. SIVALINGAPPIAH (Kadur Taluk) and D. V. HALAPPA (Birur Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how often have representations for repealing the Press Regulation